

1996 Statewide Intermodal Transportation Plan



Conference on Updating the
Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan

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- Required of each state by 1991 ISTEA
- Must include all modes of transportation
- Must be adopted as official statewide plan
- U.S. DOT grant awarded to LA - Sept. 1992
- Kickoff - January 1993
- Developed in cooperation with trans. users & providers
- Extensive Outreach Program
- Primary Focus - Economic Development

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Explanation of “Economic Development”

- Three things people call “economic development”
 - True Economic Development
(net increases in employment & income for state)
 - Real Estate Development
(shifts in population & retail sales within state)
 - Attempts to Stimulate Economic Growth
(attempts to reverse economic decline & poverty)

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Outreach Program

- **Advisory Councils**
 - Air Transportation
 - Ports & Waterways
 - Regional Planning Officials
 - Surface Passenger (passenger rail & bus)
 - Freight Rail
 - Pipeline
 - Trucking
 - Intermodal

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Outreach Program (cont.)

- 86 Executive Interviews
- Newsletters – 3000 Select Individuals
- 2 Transportation Conferences
- Public Review & Comment on Draft Plan

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Transportation System Goals

- Required prior articulation of values
 - Mobility - Accessibility - Safety
 - Choice/Flexibility - Environmental Responsibility
 - Visionary - Partnering/Interdependence
 - Balance/Equity - Innovation/Adaptability
 - Service Quality - Market Responsiveness
 - Economic Vitality - Fiscal Responsibility
 - Social Responsibility - Beauty/Aesthetic Quality

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Transportation System Goals (cont.)

Goal 1: To develop and maintain an innovative, balanced, equitable, integrated system of transportation facilities and services.

Objective 1: Develop a Plan which can be used to guide statewide transportation policy and investment decisions.

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Transportation System Goals (cont.)

- Goal 2: To provide essential passenger-transportation services at reasonable public expense that meet the diverse needs of the people of Louisiana regardless of their geographic location, physical condition, or economic status.

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Transportation System Goals (cont.)

- Goal 3: To provide a transportation system that fosters diverse economic and job growth, international and domestic commerce, and tourism through prudent investment in facilities and services that improve mobility and access. The system should be responsive to free markets and to user needs and expectations through flexibility and choice in a competitive multimodal environment.

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Transportation System Goals (cont.)

- Goal 4: To provide a regulatory and comprehensive policy framework that promotes partnerships, coordination, and cooperation among transportation users and providers in a competitive multimodal environment.

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Transportation System Goals (cont.)

- Goal 5: To improve safety in all transportation modes through timely maintenance **and improvement** of existing infrastructure, development of new infrastructure, enhancement of operational controls of both passenger and freight movements, and through expanded public education and awareness.

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Transportation System Goals (cont.)

- Goal 6: To develop an efficient transportation system that limits air, water, and noise pollution to acceptable levels as defined by regulatory standards, reduces dependency on foreign energy sources, preserves historic, cultural, and environmentally sensitive sites, and promotes the natural beauty of the state.

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Transportation System Goals (cont.)

- Goal 7: To develop stable but flexible transportation financing that provides adequate funds for both preservation of existing and the construction/implementation of new facilities and services. This financing system should rely on existing revenue sources and innovative funding methods including incentive-based partnerships.

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Results of Planning Effort

- Plan addresses both freight & passenger transport
- Horizon Year - 2020
- Plan Includes: Policy/Regulatory Actions
 Infrastructure Programs
 Specific Infrastructure Projects
- Adopted as official State Transportation Plan - March 1996
 Louisiana's 1st Plan

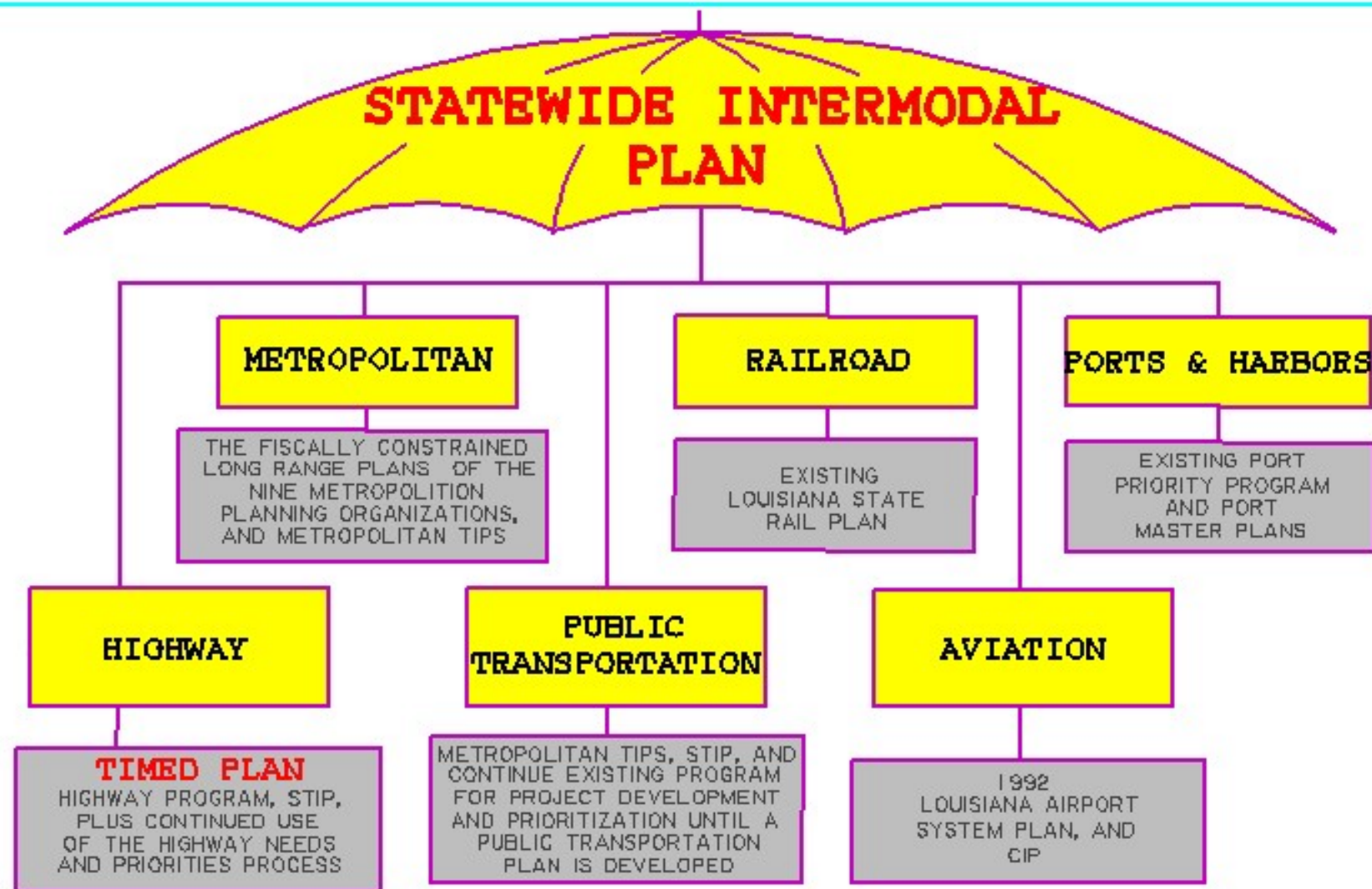


Figure 1
Hierarchy of Transportation Plans

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Results of Planning Effort (cont.)

- 48 Elements
 - A few have multiple funding levels
 - A few have multiple parts (projects)
- Each Plan Element has been assigned a code
- Code does not imply priority

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Evaluation Criteria

- I. Transportation Economics** – 9 criteria (accommodate demand, efficiency, connectivity, etc.)
- II. Economic Development** – 8 criteria (retaining / attracting industry, tourism, market access, etc.)
- III. Environment** – 6 criteria (air, water, noise, sensitive sites, energy consumption, aesthetics)
- IV. Safety** – 5 criteria (collision potential / severity, haz-mat spill potential, hurricane evac, community safety)

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Results of Planning Effort (cont.)

- Plan Elements organized into three funding tiers
 - Tier 1 - \$ 30 million/year for 25 years
 - Tier 2 - \$ 95 million/year for 25 years
 - Tier 3 - \$175 million/year for 25 years

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Large Capital Items

- Expand Railroad/Highway Grade Crossing Program
- Intermodal Transportation Fund for industrial recruitment and expansion
- Intermodal Terminal Access Improvement Program
- Almonaster Avenue Bridge replacement (over IHNC)
- Passenger link - CBD to New Orleans International Airport
- Air cargo improvements at 3 major airports

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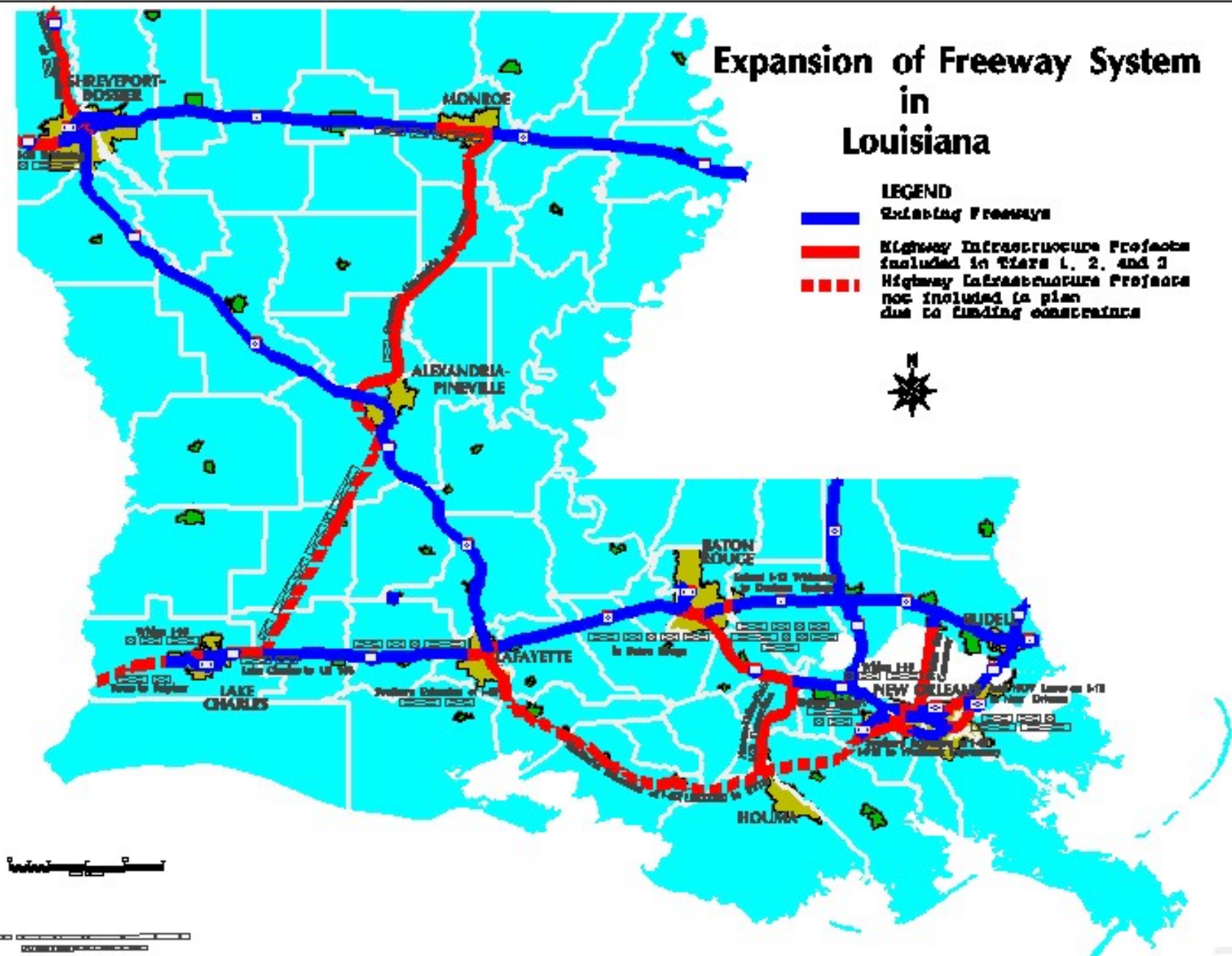
Large Capital Items (cont.)

- Additional runway - New Orleans International Airport
- Construct Regional Airport (Fed discretionary, revenue bonds, and private funds only)
- Increase in port infrastructure investment
- Establish a Surface Passenger Development Fund
(passenger rail & intercity bus)
- Automate truck weigh stations
- Freeway system expansion

Expansion of Freeway System in Louisiana

LEGEND

- Existing Freeways
- Highway Infrastructure Projects included in Tiers 1, 2, and 3
- - - Highway Infrastructure Projects not included in plan due to funding constraints



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Implementation

- Effort began in 1996
- SITP Implementation Steering Committee
 - Established through Executive Order, December 96
 - 7 members:
 - DOTD Secretary DED Secretary
 - Commissioner of Administration
 - Senate President House Speaker
 - 2 Business Representatives appointed by Gov.

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Implementation (cont.)

- 17 Elements fully implemented or funded – 4 final status reports issued
- 11 Elements are very close
- Progress has been made on almost all of remainder
- Will review status in Breakout Sessions
- Implementation will continue while Plan is being updated

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- Will address both freight and passenger transport
- Will include all modes of transportation:
 - highways
 - aviation
 - railroads
 - trucking
 - ports & waterways
 - public transportation
 - bicycle & pedestrian

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- Will include extensive outreach:
 - 2 Transportation Conferences
 - Website
 - Newsletters
 - 8 Advisory Councils
 - Review & comment period on the draft plan

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Advisory Councils

1. Aviation
2. Freight Rail
3. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
4. Ports & Waterways
5. Regional Planning Officials
6. Surface Passenger (passenger rail, bus)
7. Trucking
8. **Intermodal**

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- Will have Policy Commission in place to make final decisions based upon Advisory Council recommendations.
- Executive Order pending to:
 - abolish SITP Implementation Steering Committee and
 - create Statewide Transportation/Economic Development Policy Commission.

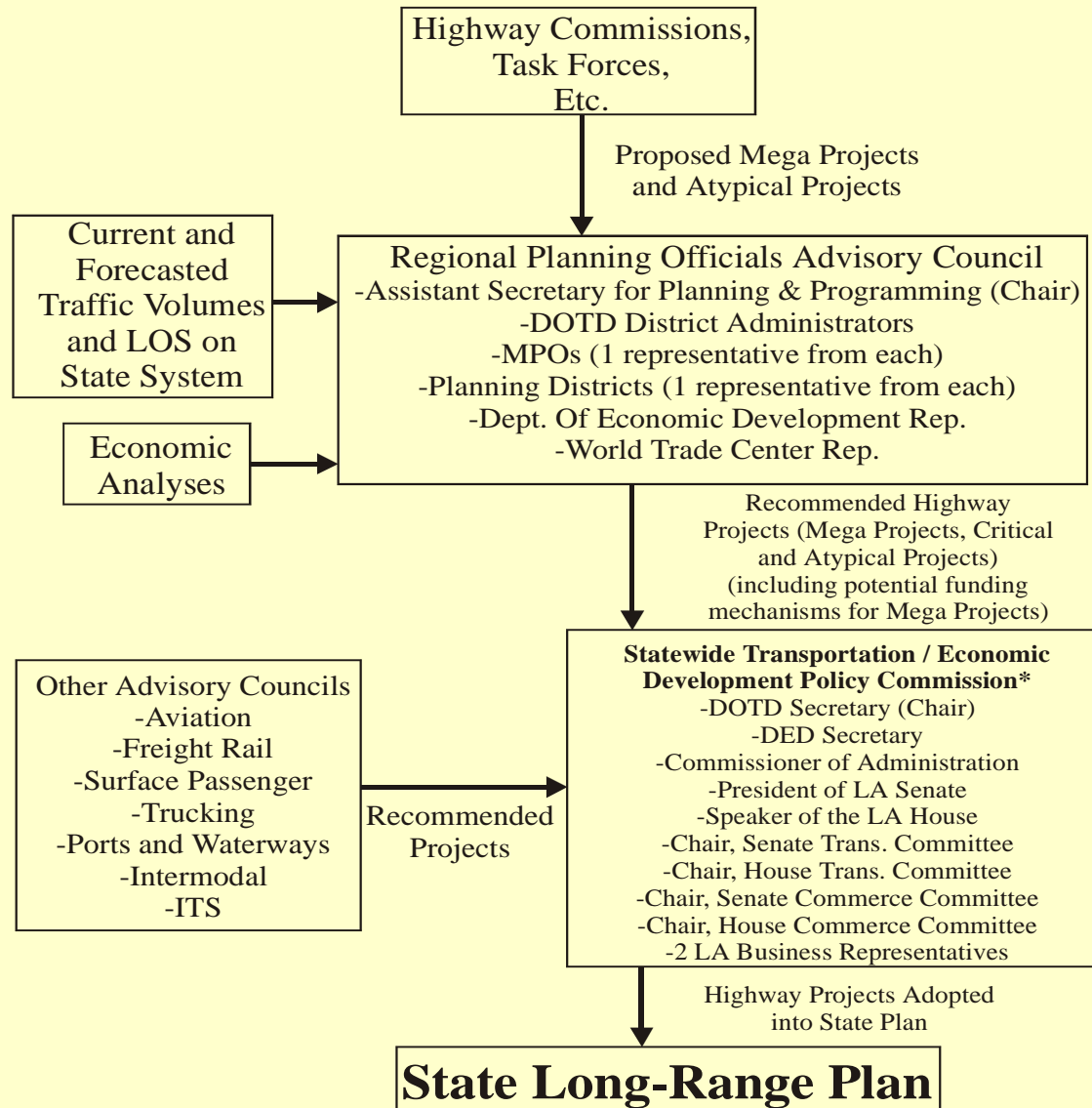
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Policy Commission - 11 Members

- DOTD Secretary – Commission Chair
- DED Secretary
- Commissioner of Administration
- President of the Senate
- Speaker of the House
- Senate Transportation Committee Chair
- House Transportation Committee Chair
- Senate Commerce Committee Chair
- House Commerce Committee Chair
- 2 Business Representatives to be appointed by Governor

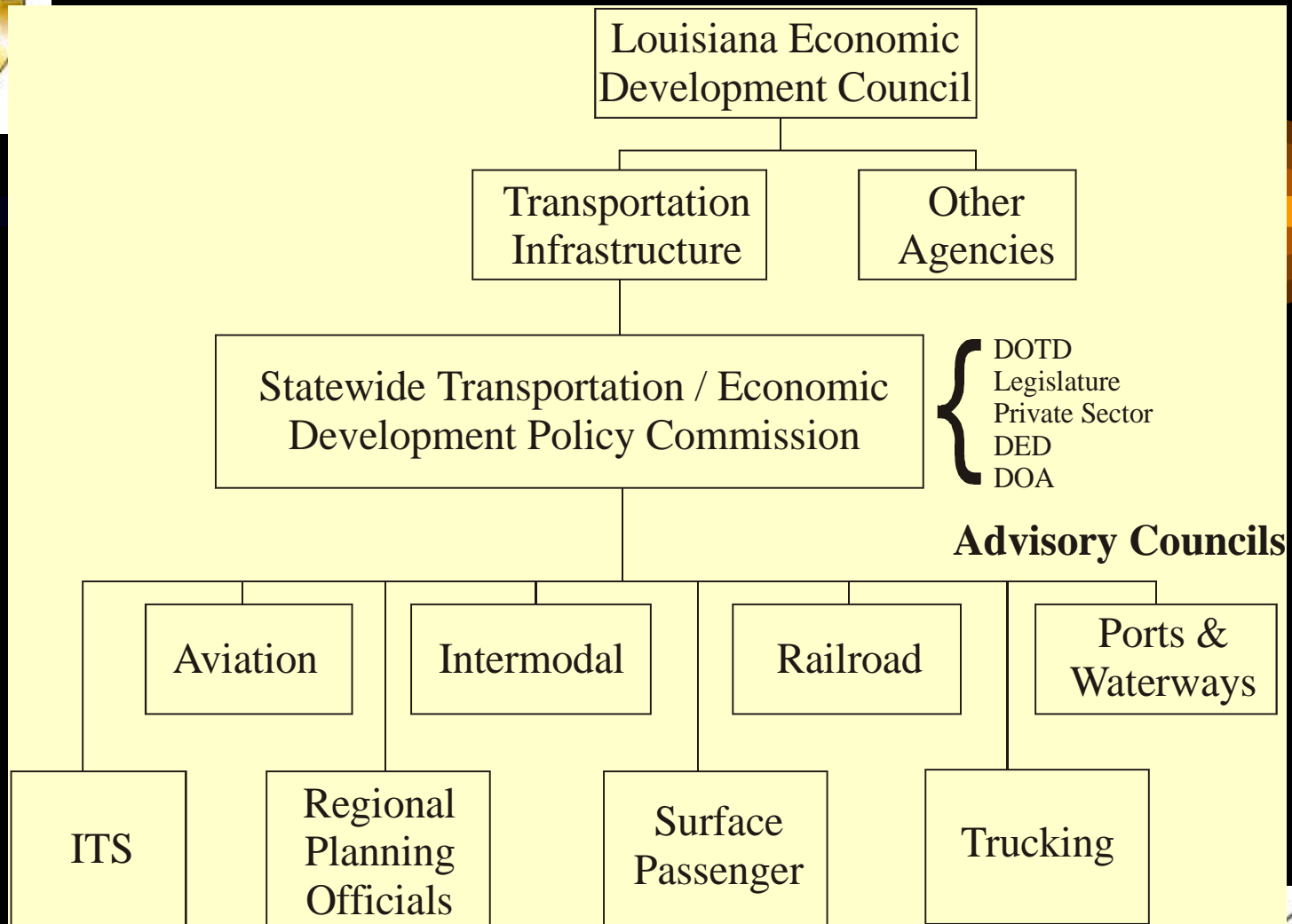


Statewide Long-Range Transportation Planning Process



*formerly "Statewide Intermodal Transportation Plan Steering Committee"
established through Executive Order MJF 96-77





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- Horizon year = 2030
- Duration = 2 - 3 years
- International trade/economic growth will again be a major focus
- Will develop a Statewide Travel Demand Forecasting Model for major highway corridors
- Will meet Federal transportation planning requirements in 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-First Century (TEA-21)

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TEA-21 Transportation Planning Requirements

- FINDINGS: It is in the national interest to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management , operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic growth and development within and through urbanized areas, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution.
- DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS: Each State shall develop transportation plans and programs for all areas of the state.

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TEA-21 Transportation Planning Requirements

- CONTENTS: The plans and programs for each State shall provide for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities (including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) that will function as an intermodal transportation system for the State and an integral part of an intermodal transportation system for the United States.
- PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT: The process for developing the plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems to be addressed.

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SCOPE: Each State shall consider projects and strategies that will:

- (A) support the economic vitality of the United States, the States, and metropolitan areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- (B) increase the safety and security of the transportation system.....;
- (C) increase the accessibility and mobility options available.....;
- (D) protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life;
- (E) enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes throughout the State.....;
- (F) promote efficient system management and operation; and
- (G) emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

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- Important to gain broad input and build consensus
- Statewide Transportation Plan is critical to the future of our state